

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
DEL MAR SUMMER MEET**

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

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Report for the Week of Tuesday, July 15, 2020 through Sunday, July 19, 2020

WEDNESDAY

07/15/20¹

MANSOR CASE 20SA0181 PEARSON CASE 20SA0180

After confirmation from Southern California Equine Foundation Inc. that both owners, Tom Mansor (\$1,135.88) and Deron Pearson (dba DP Racing LLC,) (\$6,795.25) paid their debt to So Cal Equine Hospital before the hearing date and the complaints were signed off.

07/15/20²

D'AMATO FORMAL HEARING CASE 20SA0111

Trainer Phil D'Amato appeared in our office today for a formal hearing. CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen was also in attendance to present the complaint and Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) recorded today's proceedings. The complaint alleges that Trainer D'Amato violated CHRB Rule #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of the Horse), Rule #1866 (Veterinarian's List), #1844 (Authorized Medication) and #1588 (Horses Ineligible to Start in a Race).

The Official blood sample NC41812 taken from the horse "Talia" was reported by Dr. Ben Moeller of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis to contain Hydroxydantrolene, a metabolite of Dantrolene (187,000 pg/mL). Dantrolene in excess of the authorized limit (100 pg/mL) is a Class four, Category "C" penalty. The horse "Talia" worked on February 23, 2020 at Los Alamitos Racecourse, as it was a four-year-old first-time starter. Per CHRB rule #1588(15) four-year-old first-time starters must have performed satisfactorily in a workout.

Mr. D'Amato testified the horse was mistakenly administered the medication on the day of the workout by one of his assistant trainers. He also stated he had two chestnut fillies in adjacent stalls and that could have been a factor that added to the mistake. Decision to follow.

07/15/20³

SALDANA RECORDED HEARING CASE 19LT0048

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Reed Saldana for violation of CHRB rule #1588 (11) (Horses Ineligible to Start), #1592(Ineligible Horse to Be Disqualified) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

Trainer Saldana ran a horse, "Into a Hot Spot" in the first race at Los Alamitos on December 14, 2019. Mr. Saldana was very forthright in his testimony in admitting the horse was not in his care outside of 24 hours as specified by CHRB rule #1588(11). Owner Juan Pablo Silva entered the horse while it was located at Turf Paradise Racetrack, transported the horse himself and arrived at 6:40 pm the evening before the day of the race, less than 18 hours prior to post time. Decision to follow.

07/15/20⁴

RACING CANCELLED

Around 1:00pm today, Josh Rubenstein and Tom Robbins met with the Stewards to discuss the cancellation of this week's scheduled racing, July 17-19, after 15 jockeys tested positive for the virus. In coordination with San Diego County Health Department as well as Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club preemptively cancelled racing. They are hopeful racing will resume Friday July 24.

FRIDAY

07/17/20¹

HERRICK RULINGS ref-07-12-20⁵

The following two rulings were issued stating the penalties given following the recorded hearings. Case #19DM0080 and Case #19LT0044.

DMTD RULING #007

Trainer JOSEPH HERRICK is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – aggressive behavior), on November 13, 2019, at San Luis Rey Downs.

DMTD RULING #008

Trainer JOSEPH HERRICK is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – aggressive behavior – second offense), on December 7, 2019, at San Luis Rey Downs.

Additionally, JOSEPH HERRICK must be evaluated by Winners Foundation for anger management issues and comply with any recommendations made by Winners Foundation.

07/17/20²

KRULJAC FORMAL HEARING CASE

Trainer Ian Kruljac was available by telephone today for a formal hearing. CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz was also in attendance to present the complaint and Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC,) recorded today's proceedings. The complaint alleges that trainer Ian Kruljac violated CHRB Rule #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances). Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), and Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of the Horse).

The Official blood sample SA31057 taken on January 19, 2020 from the horse "Play Hard to Get" who finished second in the third race at Santa Anita Park was reported by Dr. Ben Moeller of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis to contain Phenylbutazone. This is a Class four, Category "C" penalty.

Mr. Kruljac testified he personally gave the horse "bute" the fifth and fourth day prior to race day. His practicing veterinarian also medicated the horse with a regular treatment of "bute" prior to the race. Decision to follow.

SATURDAY

07/18/20¹

D'AMATO RULING ref 07-15-20²

The following ruling was issued after the adjudication of the hearing.

DMTD RULING #009

Trainer PHILIP D'AMATO, who worked the horse "TALIA", for removal from the Veterinarian's List on February 23, 2020 at Los Alamitos Race Course, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* pursuant to rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), rule #1588(15) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race) and rule #1866(e)(f) (Veterinarian's List) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), rule #1844 (d)(1) (Authorized Medication) and rule #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Hydroxydantrolene (187,000 pg/mL) [Class 4] - second violation in 365 days).

07/18/20²

KRULJAC RULING ref 07-17-20²

The following ruling was issued after the BOS agreed on a decision.

DMTD RULING #010

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887(Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer IAN KRULJAC, who started the horse "PLAY HARD TO GET", the second place finisher in the third race at Santa Anita Park on January 19, 2020, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a) (b) and (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone).

07/18/20³

SALDANA RULING ref 07-15-20³

The following ruling was issued after the BOS settled on a penalty.

DMTD RULING #011

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rules #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer REED SALDANA who started the horse "INTO A HOT SPOT", in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 14, 2019, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1588 (11) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race – Not on the Grounds 24 hours prior to post time).

07/18/20⁴

FORMAL DISQUALIFICATION HEARING CASE19SA0148

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner Hronis Racing LLC, per CHRB rule 1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding) that involved a positive finding on the John Sadler trainee.

The official urine sample #SA29764 taken on April 14, 2019 at Santa Anita Race Track from the horse "Field Bet" who finished fifth in the seventh race was reported by Dr. Ben Moeller of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis to contain Gabapentin which is considered to be a prohibited drug substance, Class 3, Category B Penalty. A split sample analysis was requested, and the University of Florida confirmed the drug Gabapentin.

Attending the hearing before the BOS was court reporter Michelle Derieg to record the proceedings. Trainer John Sadler and owners, Kosta and Pete Hronis (Hronis Racing LLC,) declined to attend the hearing. A ruling to follow.

SUNDAY
07-19-20¹

DQ RULING ref 07-18-20⁴

The following ruling was issued after the hearing documented the particulars of the positive findings.

DMTC RULING #012

Acting on a report from the University of California, Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #SA29764, obtained from the horse "FIELD BET", the fifth place finisher in the seventh race at Santa Anita Race Track on April 14, 2019, contained "Gabapentin" (Class 3) is considered to be a prohibited drug substance, it is ordered that "FIELD BET" be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$640.00) earned or awarded to Owner HRONIS RACING LLC (\$640.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Del Mar Race Track on or

before August 18, 2020, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1 st Persephone	2 nd Breezy Bee
3 rd Sapori Girl	4 th Daddys Real Diva
5 th Meso	6 th Gotta Be Lucky

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule 1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

07/19/20²

FORMAL DISQUALIFICATION HEARING CASE19SA0167

The CHRHB filed a complaint against owner Hronis Racing LLC, per CHRHB rule 1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding), the trainer of record was John Sadler.

The official urine sample #SA29866 taken on April 28, 2019 at Santa Anita Race Track from the horse "Jasikan" who finished third in the fifth race was reported by Dr. Ben Moeller of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis to contain Gabapentin, which is considered to be a prohibited drug substance, Class 3, Category "B" penalty. A split sample analysis was requested and the positive was confirmed in accordance with CHRHB rule 1859.25 (Split Sample Testing).

Attending the hearing before the BOS was court reporter Michelle Derieg to record the proceedings. Trainer John Sadler and owners, Kosta and Pete Hronis (Hronis Racing LLC,) declined to attend the hearing. The following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #013

Acting on a report from the University of California, Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #SA29866, obtained from the horse "JASIKAN (IRE)", the third place finisher in the fifth race at Santa Anita Race Track on April 28, 2019, contained "Gabapentin" (Class 3) is a prohibited substance, it is ordered that "JASIKAN (IRE)" be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$12,000.00) earned or awarded to Owner HRONIS RACING LLC (\$10,200.00), Jockey Rafael Bejarano (\$530.00) and Trainer John Sadler (\$1,040.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Del Mar Race Track on or before August 19, 2020, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1 st Neptune's Storm	2 nd Shining Through
3 rd King of Speed	4 th Big Scott Daddy
5 th Urban Light	6 th Rijeka

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California horse Racing Board rule 1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

07/19/20³

ARAGON HEARING CASE 16SA164

The CHRHB filed a complaint against Pony Rider Daniel Aragon that was scheduled to be heard on February 24, 2017, for a violation of CHRHB rule #1489 (a)(1) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License). Mr. Aragon was suspended for failure to appear. CHRHB Chief Investigator Shawn Loehr informed Supervising Investigator Phil Miyazaki, in his opinion, Mr. Aragon, is eligible to be relicensed. Upon this information we held an informal hearing and Mr. Aragon participated by telephone. After questions were asked and answered the following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #014

Pony Rider DANIEL ARAGON, having appeared before the Board of Stewards to answer to a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board for violation of rule #1489(A)(1)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #074 issued at Santa Anita Park on February 25, 2017, is set aside.

Furthermore, DANIEL ARAGON is ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and comply with any recommendations made by Winners Foundation.

07/19/20⁴

SECURITY CITATIONS

Jockey Diego Sanchez was available by telephone to answer a citation issued by Del Mar Security. He was working a horse in company with exercise rider Reyes Estrella and failed to heed the warning lights and siren. He admitted he made a mistake, and the following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #015

Jockey DIEGO SANCHEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – working while emergency lights are activated) at Del Mar Racetrack on July 15, 2020.

07/19/20⁵

Jockey Cathleen Garner met with the BOS to discuss a citation issued by Del Mar Security accusing her of not pulling her mount up when the lights and siren were on during a.m. training. She stated following a workout near the 7/8 marker she tried to pull her mount up. Daryl Bond (Safety Director for SIG Insurance group) was available as a witness and testified by telephone. There was a difference in the two testimonies, as Ms. Bond was adamant that Ms. Garner did not make any effort to pull up. Ms. Garner was fined in May for the same offense; the penalty for her second offense is listed in the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #016

Jockey CATHLEEN GARNER is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – working while emergency lights are on – second offense) at Del Mar Racetrack on July 17, 2020.

07/19/20⁶

Exercise rider Gilbert Reyes Estrella joined the Stewards to address his citation – issued by Del Mar Security for not pulling his horse up while the lights and siren were on. He was working in company with jockey Sanchez. He refreshingly admitted he was wrong and declared it would not happen again. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #017

Exercise Rider GILBERT REYES ESTRELLA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – working while emergency lights are activated) at Del Mar Race Track on July 15, 2020.

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 7/ /6 TO 7/ /12

Horses on Vet List	2
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	No Racing	Fri 7/17	Sat 7/18	Sun 7/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	N	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	O	0	0	0	0	10
Claims	R	0	0	0	0	13
Disqualifications	A	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	I	0	0	0	0	3
Refunds	N	0	0	0	0	21
Rulings	G	2	3	6	11	17
Voided Claims	!	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward